

# AMERICORPS

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## MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### PURPOSE

The AmeriCorps program provides eligible applicants with the human resources for addressing their most pressing civic problems, while giving individuals an opportunity to serve their communities in exchange for an education stipend.

### AUTHORIZATION

42 U.S.C. § 12511 et seq.

### HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

Applications are made to the Missouri Community Service Commission, which administers the program, in the areas of education, human needs, public safety, and the environment. Programs begin in August of each year, and participants commit to a one-year term of service. At the successful completion of that service, the participant receives an education award (\$4,725 for full time service).

### ELIGIBLE AREAS

Statewide.

### ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Any not-for-profit organization, unit of local or state government, school, college, or university can apply for AmeriCorps funding.

### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The Missouri Community Service Commission accepts applications each spring and reviews the application according to published criteria.

Funding decisions are made in the early summer on a competitive basis.

Preference for new programs will be given to areas of the state that are currently unserved or underserved including the Bootheel Region, South Central Region and all counties north of the Missouri River. In addition, preference will be given to areas whose school districts have lost or are in danger of losing their accreditation.

### FUNDING LIMITS

Missouri receives a formula allotment of approximately \$1.5 million annually from the Corporation for National and Community Service. The Missouri Community Service Commission encourages applicants to structure programs no larger than 16 full-time equivalent AmeriCorps members, or federal budgets of about \$200,000.

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### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Go to the department's home page at [www.missouridevelopment.org](http://www.missouridevelopment.org) for information regarding Missouri's many other economic development programs and policies.